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SECTION 1. 86.21 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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#### Siciliano, Chris

From:

Hoesly, Bruce

Sent:

Monday, March 07, 2005 10:57 AM

To:

Siciliano, Chris

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Rather than me sending the paper version back to you, can you just change the relating clause from "conflicts" to "ambiguities" and replace my explanatory note and keep yours? Call that a P2 and send it over so BM can review it all at once.

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